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SUBJECT: SECOND PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY DECLARES INDEPENDENCE POSITION

1. YESTERDAY (APRIL 12) DEPUTY ALEXANDROS PANAGHOULIS INFORMED UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (UDC) PARTY LEADER GEORGE MAVROS OF HIS DECISION TO LEAVE THE UDC AND OFFICIALLY BECOME AN INDEPENDENT IN THE GREEK PARLIAMENT. PANAGHOULIS, WHO GAINED FAME AS A RESULT OF HIS UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON JUNTA LEADER GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, HAS BEEN EXPECTED TO QUIT THE UDC SINCE HIS QUARREL WITH THE PARTY LAST JANUARY OVER THE QUESTION OF THE PARTY'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION (REFTEL)

2. PANAGHOULIS BECOMES THE SECOND INDEPENDENT IN THE PARLIAMENT (THE OTHER IS FORMER NEW DEMOCRACY DEPUTY SAVVOURAS). THE PRESENT ALIGNMENT IN THE PARLIAMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

NEW DEMOCRACY 215 SEATS

UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER 60 SEATS

(FORMERLY CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES)

PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT 15 SEATS

(PASOK)

GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY - EXTERIOR 5 SEATS

GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY - INTERIOR 2 SEATS

UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT (EDA) 1 SEAT

INDEPENDENTS 2 SEATS.

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